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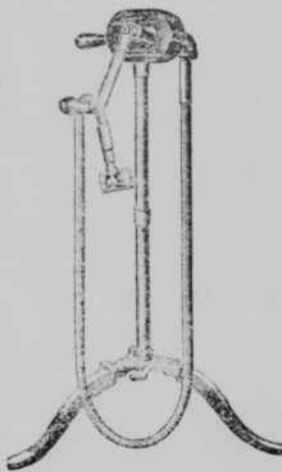
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## BEE LIVED UNDERGROUND FOR SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Found by Gravediggers at a Depth of Six and a Half Feet.

In an interesting letter in the Daily Express, Thomas Burgess, superintendent of Kensal Rise cemetery, London, tells a remarkable story of a bee which lived underground for seventy-five years. He says:

"While two of my men were digging a grave and when six and one-half feet down from the present surface they came on the original maiden earth, which has been covered since 1836 with earth thrown out at that date while excavating for the foundations and catacombs under our church."

"In throwing out a spadeful of the virgin mold under this mound it split up and broke on the board, and a large bee came out of the soil."

"Considering that the ground above was solid, lumpy clay and six feet six inches deep, it would be impossible for a bee to get down this depth. Is it possible, therefore, that this insect was covered up in 1836?"

## BIG MEN'S LITTLE CHECKS.

One For 50 Cents Signed by Roosevelt Presented as Souvenir.

Adherence to formality makes many apparently ridiculous situations. For the man who has a bank account the undeniable value of a canceled check as a voucher of payment is recognized.

Illustrative of this is the case of the one cent check drawn by F. P. Kane, deputy controller of the currency, in November, 1907, in favor of an A. E. Pistol.

On the night of Jan. 5, 1905, Theodore Roosevelt was caught at a big reception without a sou in his pockets. Of course there were undoubtedly any number of persons who attended that same reception who would have accounted it the highest of honors to have lent the then president of the United States the small sum of 50 cents, the price of cab hire from the embassy of England to the Willard hotel, where he was to attend a banquet, a distance of less than half a mile.

He rushed to the clerk's desk and on one of his own personal checks drew for 50 cents on the Riggs National bank and paid the chauffeur. The check for 50 cents has never been cashed, as it was presented to the officials of the bank by the cab company as a souvenir.

There are also times when a rich man is situated as was the tramp who had the \$1,000 bill and starved to death before he could get any one to cash it.

This was the case when John Hays Hammond, who has more money than some of the biggest farmers have wheat, wanted to "make change" in settling a large account. Mr. Hammond had to meet a bill of something more than \$2,000. He had the exact sum minus 5 cents and a \$500 treasury note over. He didn't know how to get the change. It was after banking hours, and he wanted to leave Washington at once, so he paid the bill with the cash he had plus a check for 5 cents and had the \$500 treasury note left to carry him along on the first leg of his trip.

## EAR MUFFS FOR SUMMER.

New Yorkers May Wear Them to Minimize Subway Noise.

In view of the increasing tendency to speed it is not probable that New Yorkers will ever see a noiseless city.

But it seems certain that before long something will be done to minimize unnecessary noise, and in the meantime the individual brainworker will probably have to adopt some form of ear protection such as the other senses already enjoy.

Herbert Spencer, it will be remembered, solved this problem in a practical way by wearing a spiral spring fitted with pads which effectively closed each ear. The use of this device is becoming increasingly common, and ear muffs may be familiar objects in the New York subways this summer. It may sound ridiculous just now, but is inherently no more absurd than eyeglasses or gloves.

## TAFT'S SON CARRIES WATER.

Charlie Is Too Slender to Play on His School's Ball Team.

The family love of baseball has attacked Charlie Taft, youngest son of the president, and he has gone into the game in the role of water carrier. He is too slender to play on the team of the Taft school at Watertown, Conn., where he is a student, but he has been told that the water carriers rise till they finally become managers of teams, and he has begun at the bottom.

In a recent game between the Hartford high school and Taft school teams he carried bucket after bucket of water across the diamond to slake the thirst of the athletes, and when the Hartford players learned that it was the president's son who was holding the pail for their benefit there were renewed calls for water.

Foreign Parcels Post Mail.

The growth of the foreign parcels post mail received at New York is set forth in statistics showing that during the five calendar years from 1906 to 1910 the number of packages rose from 96,997 in 1906 to 199,410 in 1910.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.—Second Quarter, For May 21, 1911.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Isa. v. 1-12—Memory Verse, 11—Golden Text, Isa. v. 22—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Our lesson title, "Song of the Vineyard," must be considered in the light of the first verse, "A song of my beloved touching his vineyard." In Ezek. xv we learn that the only use of the vine is to bear fruit, and, failing in that, it is good for nothing. In John xv we learn that fruitless branches are gathered by men and burned, like the salt which has no savor and is good for nothing but to be trodden underfoot of men (Matt. v. 13).

Verse 7 of our lesson tells us that the house of Israel is the Lord's vineyard here referred to and the men of Judah His pleasant plant, but instead of producing the desired fruit they were yielding only wild grapes, described in the sixfold woe of the chapter and in Hos. x. 1, as an empty vine bringing forth fruit unto himself. According to the six woes, they were mighty to drink wine, enjoy pleasures, gather property, call things by their wrong names and sin.

He brought them out of Egypt, cast out the nations before them and planted them in a good land, but because of their sin He had to turn His face from them, and their only hope was in the man of His right hand, the son of man strong for God (Ps. lxxx. 8-19). According to our lesson, He had done everything for them that could be done for a vineyard, but as in the parable of Matt. xxi. 33-41, they beat and killed His servants and even the heir to the vineyard also. According to our lesson chapter, they regard not the work of the Lord nor consider the operation of His hands, but cast away the law of the Lord of hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel (verses 12-24).

His pitiful cry over them is always the same, whether through the prophets or through His Son. "I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt. Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it, but My people would not hearken to My voice, and Israel would none of Me" (Ps. lxxx. 10, 11). "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not" (Matt. xxiii. 37). Such unbelieving people who turn away from God and His word are said to be "drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink" (Isa. xlii. 9).

It is most interesting to note that in the chapter following our lesson chapter we have a vision of the earth filled with the glory of the Lord. Compare verses 11, 12 and 22 with chapter vi. 3. Better yet contrast the drunkenness with the glory. Then note the same contrast in Hab. ii. 14, 15, and Eph. v. 18, and observe that at Pentecost spirit filled people were said to be full of new wine (Acts ii. 4-13). There is no remedy for self righteousness, self pleasing, unbelieving people, but such a sight of Jesus Christ dying for their sins as will break their hard hearts and lead them to cry, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." One cannot do this for another, but He who said "I am the true vine" said also concerning the Holy Spirit, "He will convince of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John xvi. 7, 8).

If we have been redeemed by precious blood and been caused to see something of the beauty of the Lord it is not for us to condemn other sinners nor think them hopeless, but so manifest Jesus Christ to them by word and deed that the Spirit may, through us if He will, reveal Jesus Christ to them and lead them to Him. There is just one thing that the vine is for, and if we are real branches of the true vine He will bear the desired fruit that God may be glorified if we truly abide.

That fruit may not be any great thing that will gain the admiration of people, but just a meek and quiet spirit, patient and long suffering. It may be, under great provocation or even cruelty. Think of the Lord's patience with Israel and with each of us and consider Him who endured lest ye be weary. Think of being strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering, with joyfulness (Col. i. 11). Remember that the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self control (Gal. v. 22, 23), and all that is opposed is from the adversary.

By the word of God and the spirit of God we must first be saved and then by the same word and spirit abide and bear fruit. The question of verse 4 "What could have been done more to My vineyard that I have not done in it?" suggests the question for every sinner, drunken or sober, for all have sinned and all are guilty (Rom. iii. 19). What more could the Lord do that He has not done for your salvation? Consider John iii. 16, and answer as to what more is necessary.

If you do not yield to such love and receive Him as your personal Saviour and then so abide that He may bear fruit through you and gather fruit from you it must be true of you that you are despising His word and disregarding His great work on your behalf and thus continuing under the wrath of God (John iii. 36).

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